डिश ऐंटिना द्वारा विदेशी कार्यक्रम

1305. **श्रीमती रत्न कुमारी** : क्या सूचना और प्रसारण मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि टेलीविजन पर विदेशी कार्यक्रमों को, जो कि संचार उपग्रहों के जरिये डिश ऐंटिना द्वारा प्राप्त किए जाते हैं ; दिखाये जाने से उत्पन्न स्थिति से निपटने के लिए सरकार कौन से प्रभावी कदम उठा रही है ?

सूचना और प्रसारण मंत्रालय उप मंत्री (कुमारी गिरिजा व्यास) : दूरदर्शन के कार्यक्रमों की विषय वस्तु और फार्मेट में गुणात्मक सुधार लाने और टेक्नालाजी के स्तर को ऊंचा उठाने के लिए सतत प्रयास किये जाते हैं ताकि कार्यक्रमों में दर्शकों की रूचि बराबर बनी रहे ।

Measures to regulate the telecast of Foreign T V programme

1306. SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA :

SHRI KAPIL VERMA:

Will the Minister if INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are taking any measures to regulate the telecast of foreign T.V. programme through satellite in India; and

(b) if so, the details thereof ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARI GIRIJA VYAS) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The recommendations of the Inter-Departmental Committee setup to study the various aspects of establishment of Cable TV Network andDish- Antennae Systems in the country are under consideration of the Government.

Amendments in the Prasar Bharati Act

1307. SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have since decided to make suitable amendments in the Prasar Bharati Act; and

(b) if so, the details of the amendments Government propose to make in the said Act and by when it is likely to be implemented ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARI GIRIJA VYAS) : (a) and (b) Many essential formalities and amendments need to be completed and various steps taken before the Prasar Bharati Act can be implemented.

Pakistan TV Telecasts

1308. SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware that Pakistan TV telecasts can now be clearly viewed in New Delhi and elsewhere in India;

(b) if so, what is Governments information about the steps taken by Pakistan to boost up their telecast; and

(c) what counter measures have been taken or proposed to be taken by Government to effectively counter this TV invasion ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARI GIRIJA VYAS): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Pakistan TV has recently leased a transponder on ASIASAT for TV uplinking application. Since the usable contours of ASIASAT footprint cover the entire country except some parts of southern India, TV programmes transmitted by this satellite can be received by installation of an appropriately designed dish antenna indigenously available with the TV receiving set. However, the existing licensing procedure prescribed by the Ministry of Communications does not permit establishment of dish antenna for receiving of TV programmes from foreign satellites.

(c) in order to counter telecasts transmitted via foreign satellites Doordarshan is making all out efforts to bring about qualitative improvement in its programme format so as to sustain the interest of its viewers.

Screening of video film on dangers of Poisonous Pesticides

1309. SHRI PRABHAKAR B. KORE :
PROF. I.G. SANADI:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCATING be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware that a video film entirely financed by DST and produced by PTI-T V highlighting the dangers of poisonous pesticides and safe alternatives developed by ICAR has been widely appreciated and acclaimed ;

(b) whether Government will ensure its screening in colleges and schools and among farmers groups;

(c) whether it is a fact that the video film was to be screened on the national programme on 12th September, 1991 but this was cancelled at the last minute; if so, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether a similar screening on Krishi Darshan in December, 1991 was also cancelled at the last minute, if so, whether an inquiry will be conducted in this regard ; and

(e) whether Government are aware that similar videos are being regularly shown on Star TV (BBC programmes) ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARI GIRIJA VYAS) : (a) to (d) Telecast of a documentary film 'The killing Fields' supplied by the Voluntary Health Association of India, New Delhi was scheduled by Doordarshan on 12-09-91 and 31-12-91. However the film could not be telecast as the copyright holder's status and the terms for payment of royalty etc. were not clear. The telecast of this film after completing the necessary formalities is however dependent on the programme requirement of Doordarshan. The right holder of the film can organise screening of the film in Colleges and Schools directly.

(e) Government are aware that programmes on environment/health related themes are telecast by various foreign television networks.

Commissioned serials on T V

1310. DR. RATNAKAR PANDEY : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have formulated fresh guidelines in respect